

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is courteously requested in order to place all claims in this application in allowable condition and/or to place the non-allowed claims in better condition for consideration on appeal.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 through 9, 12, 14, and 16 through 21 remain in this application. Claims 3, 6, 10, 11, 13, and 15 have been cancelled. No claims are currently withdrawn or added.

Paragraph 2 of the Office Action

Claims 6 through 12 and 14 have been objected to for the informalities noted in the Office Action.

Claims 6 through 12 and 14 have been amended in a manner believed to clarify any double recitation in the language.

Withdrawal of the objection to claims 6 through 12 and 14 is therefore respectfully requested.

Paragraphs through 8 of the Office Action

Claims 1, 2, 4, 16 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bracewell.

Claim 18 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bracewell.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the requirements of claim 3, which was indicated as being allowable over the art, and therefore claim 1, as well as the claims that depend from claim 1, are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

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Claim 5 has been rewritten to include the requirements of claim 1, and therefore claim 5, as well as the claims that depend from claim 5, are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the §102(b) and §103(a) rejections of claims 1, 2, 4, 16, 17 and 18 is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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